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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the expression of antibodies and/or fragments thereof in plants, and in particular to the expression of antibodies and/or fragments thereof that have specificity for enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli*. Nucleotide and amino acid sequences of such antibodies and/or fragments are disclosed, as are methods of producing such antibodies and /or fragments, transgenic plants expressing such antibodies and/or fragments thereof, and methods of using such transgenic plants or material derived therefrom, in particular in the treatment or prevention of enteric disease. Also described are methods of enhancing the stability of antibodies and fragments thereof.

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1-8, 41-57 and 35-40, 58 partially

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1. claims: 1-8, 41-57 and 35-40, 58 partially

Stabilised IgG through Ch2, Ch3, optimisation.

2. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K99 antigen (SEQ ID No 2) and related subject matter

3. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K99 antigen (SEQ ID No 1) and related subject matter

4. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K99 antigen (SEQ ID No 3) and related subject matter

5. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 5) and related subject matter

6. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 7) and related subject matter

7. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 9) and related subject matter

8. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 11) and related subject matter

9. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88antigen (SEQ ID No 13) and related subject matter

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10. claims: 9, 10, 13-40, 58, 59, 60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 15) and
related subject matter

11. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K99 antigen (SEQ ID No 4) and related
subject matter

12. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 6) and related
subject matter

13. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 8) and related
subject matter

14. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 10) and
related subject matter

15. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 12) and
related subject matter

16. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VL domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 14) and
related subject matter

17. claims: 11, 12, 13-40, 58-60 (partially)

VH domain specific for K88 antigen (SEQ ID No 16) and
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